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IT IS TIME.

The Democratic Congressmen who are ar-
riving in Washington express themselves as
confident that a bill for the reduction of
taxation will be passed by the House.
It is high time—seven years' past time, in
fact.

During all this period the Government has
been squeezing from the taxpayers
\$100,000,000 a year in excess of its needs. Such
an injustice was never known before in the
history of civilized governments.

Both political parties have pledged them-
selves to stop this surplus by abating the
taxes that produce it. The Democratic Con-
vention in this State demanded that it be
done "straightway."

"Straightway" let it be.

ELIMINATE THE "BARREL."

The showing that the recent election in
this city cost nearly \$1,000,000 is a startling
one.

It proves that the carrying of elections has
come to be a matter of money. Dollars and
cents, count.

Rooted wrongs require radical remedies.

These remedies will strike at the root of the
trouble: (1) Limit the expense of elec-
tions to a stated small sum per capita; (2)
Require publicity for all disbursements; (3)
Provide severe penalties for the unlawful
use of money; (4) Let the State supply the
ballots.

Democratic government is subverted when
money controls elections. The "barrel"
must be eliminated from politics.

"WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE."

A quarrel among physicians seems to be
inevitable in the case of every prominent
patient. It was so with GARFIELD and
CANTON, and now the Crown Prince has to
endure a professional squabble in addition to
his cancerous affliction.

When his doctors disagree, however, Unser
Farrs takes his own case in hand. He sits
like a judge and hears the arguments, pro
and con. He orders the opposing physicians
to make out briefs, examines the papers and
decides the matter himself.

There is a touch of Hohenlohe in this
in that this commands admiration.

THE GOOD OF ALL.

President CLEVELAND did well to remind
the members of the Chamber of Commerce,
in his patriotic letter to its committee, that
selfishness in political action is very apt to
defeat its own ends.

"Interdependence," he wrote, "is so
fully an element in our national existence
that a patriotic and generous heed to the
general good seems to be subserve every
particular interest."

In other words, the highest good of all is
the best good of each.

This is the ethics of politics. And to its
teaching the President might well have
added as timely and pertinent the admonition
in his Inaugural Address, that "the best re-
sults in the operation of a government
wherein every citizen has a share largely
depend upon a proper limitation of purely
partisan zeal and a correct appreciation of
the time when the heat of the partisan should
be merged in the patriotism of the citizen."

FOUR CIVILIZERS.

GROVER WILLIAM CURTIS gave a new group-
ing of the agents of civilization in his
eloquent address last night.

"The Bible, the teapot, the spelling-book
and the bath-tub," he said, have been the
pioneers of progress on this continent.

No Anarchists, it is safe to say, were ever
evolved from this combination. The grid-
iron came later, but it is also a great aid to
civilization.

TWO REMEDIES.

That was a very suggestive picture which
CHAS. DEWEY drew of the owners of our
surplus manufactures "sitting on their treas-
ures and gazing upon the ocean with some-
thing of the helpless wonder of the simple
aborigines who first roamed these States."

Mr. DEWEY's remedy for this glut of un-
sold goods is to subsidize steamships to carry
it to foreign markets.

What good would that do, with the cost of
our manufacturers' raw materials and ma-
chinery so enhanced by tariff charges that
they cannot sell in competition with rivals
who are not thus handicapped?

Cheaper raw materials and untaxed ma-
chinery and vessels would soon restore to

this country its merchant marine and open
it to the markets of the world.

THE MINORITY RULE.

BOSS PLATT and his lieutenants, though
six times repudiated by the people of this
State, are still in control of the Legislature,
and met yesterday to pick out the henchmen
who should serve as its officers.

This gross subversion of the rule of the
majority is accomplished by denying to the
people the reapportionment of legislative dis-
tricts according to population which the
Constitution prescribes.

By this denial two Republicans in the in-
terior are given as much power as three or
four Democrats in this city and in Brooklyn.
Thousands of Democrats are practically
disfranchised by the refusal of the Republi-
can Legislature to enact an apportionment
based upon the population.

How long will the people tolerate a minor-
ity rule by repudiated bosses?

HYMEN IN POLITICS.

Genial FOR HAWLEY has increased not only
his quota of happiness but also his qualifica-
tions for the Presidency by taking unto
himself a charming wife.

By far the most popular act of President
CLEVELAND's Administration was the little
ceremony that provided the White House
with its captivating mistress.

Secretary LAMAR got married, and his elation
to the Supreme Bench is imminent.

Matrimony seems to bring good luck in
more ways than one to our aspiring states-
men.

How many more reminders does our be-
liever Governor require?

NATURE'S PENALTY.

The insanity of the Queen of Sweden is
but another instance of the prevalence of
mental weakness, eccentricity and imbecility
among the reigning families of Europe.

There is hardly a royal name that is not
borne by more or less dotes and idiots, who
are for the most part kept in private
asylums out of the public gaze.

This is the natural and inevitable result of
the pernicious system of intermarriage among
the reigning houses.

Nature is no respecter of royalty.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES.

How easily a man may drop out of sight in
this world is instanced in the case of Dr.
HELMHOLD, whose name was so familiar a
few years ago, but who everybody thought
was dead, until he turned up in the Jefferson
Market Court yesterday.

Even in this era of cameras, directories
and police patrol an astonishing number of
people are continually disappearing, no one
knows whither. The ordinary case does not
even occasion a newspaper paragraph. They
are put on the long list at the police sta-
tions, and if the missing ones are not re-
covered after a reasonable amount of official
effort they are soon forgotten, except by their
friends and families.

The mysterious little dramas of real life
outnumber the inventions of novelists a
hundred to one.

A LESSON IN RESIGNATION.

In these days, when few resign, unless
urgently requested to do so by somebody
with the ability to remove them, the reasons
for his retirement given by President Mc-
COY, of Princeton, are decidedly refreshing.

He says he does not need or want rest,
but resigns "simply and solely because I look
on as a matter of duty, considering that at the
age of seventy-six my time of usefulness is a
little past, and that a younger man can bet-
ter fulfill the duties."

But it is altogether too much to hope that
a politician, or even a Cabinet officer (like
GARLAND, whose usefulness was past at a
much earlier age, will imitate the conscien-
tious example of Princeton's able President.

Did THE WORLD have the full particulars
of the CARNEY-MADOLFFS mill? Why, cer-
tainly—in its morning extra at 8.30 o'clock.
Where were the other papers? Well, they
caught up with the procession later on in
their evening editions. Q. E. D.

The denizens of Montreal are discussing
the question of another Carnival in February.
Montreal is a great place for carnivals.
There is a general impression that a celebra-
tion of that sort was held in the boodle col-
ony there about Nov. 2.

With the coal barons starving their miners
into acceptance of pauper wages, and
extorting \$6 per ton for coal from con-
sumers, this American industry seems to be
reveling in "protection."

The suit to oust BOSS PLATT from his ille-
gally held Commission has been post-
poned until the 25th. The order forbidding
him to run the other offices of the State was
issued on the 8th inst.

In commenting on the prevalence of crime in
this city the *Alvarado* says that
it is only a few years since merchants used to leave
the doors of their stores unlocked at night without
the slightest apprehension of thieves.

Henry Curran, a prominent merchant of
Stevens Point, Wis., who has become insane,
imagines that he is guilty of every murder that
has taken place in the county for years, and says
that the ghosts of the victims pursue him con-
stantly.

The town of Waterloo, Ill., from which Repre-
sentative "Horizontal Bill" Morrison hails, is a
sleepy German settlement in the southern part
of the State, with 3,000 inhabitants. It possesses
no other notable feature.

Why doesn't Mayor HARTWELL write a letter
to himself, strongly recommending that the
big assessment barrel be legally rolled out of
New York politics?

Chicago is to have a system of rapid trans-
port on the West Side. This will naturally assist
the exodus on the occasion of another Anar-
chist excitement.

Quaker City grammar seems to be on the
decline. "Is that him?" asked one of the
fashionable ushers at Gen. HAWLEY's wed-
ding yesterday.

A "Repeal of the Look" is the latest form
of professional advertising.

SPARKS has gone up the fies.

BOUND TO TALK IN MEETING.

MISS FLEHN CREATES TROUBLE IN DE WITT MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

She insists upon Taking Up All the Time of
the Prayer Meetings With the Story of
Her Religious Experiences—The Trustees
Ask Aid in the Essex Market Police
Court—Mr. Elsing's Annoying Dilemma.

The pastor and trustees of the De Witt Mem-
orial Chapel, 280 Livingston street, are har-
assed and annoyed by a unique obstruction
which has arisen in the course of their evan-
gelistic services.

These services "for prayer and testimony" are
held in the chapel every Tuesday and
Thursday evenings. Printed handbills stat-
ing that all are welcome are freely distributed
among the poor people in the neighborhood
and are posted on the bulletin-board outside
the building.

The pastor, the Rev. William T. Elsing,
usually presides, but Morris K. Jessup, the
banker and one of the trustees, often takes
the chair. Other lay evangelistic workers
are sometimes chosen as leaders.

The exercises are very informal, the efforts
of the promoters of the meetings being di-
rected to the conversion of sinners by per-
sonal testimony and exhortation.

The meeting last but an hour and a quarter,
and nearly half the time is taken up by the
singing of Moody and Sankey hymns from books
which are put in the possession of every one
in attendance. After three or four hymns
have been sung to an organ accompaniment,
the leader reads a chapter from the Bible
and makes a few extempore remarks thereon.

Then follows a general invitation to any one
present for either brief personal testimony as to
his own salvation or remarks on the Scrip-
ture texts.

The remarks and testimony are not ex-
pected to last more than a few minutes in
each case, but the trustees have had to deal
with one case after another, so that no one
else can speak at the meetings.

The cause of all this trouble is Miss Rebecca
Flehn, a maiden lady about forty-five years
of age. Every meeting night for the past
several weeks she has been present, and, as
the leader's first invitation, and kept the
floor until long after the hour of closing the
meeting. The Rev. Mr. Elsing made repeated
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SEVEN SHOTS AT A PIRATE.

Three Policemen Have an Exciting Chase on the North River.

John Pender, twenty-seven years old, of
409 Hudson street, the pal of "Ed" Watson,
a notorious river pirate, who is now serving
a term of eighteen years at Sing Sing, was
arrested at Jefferson Market Court this
morning on suspicion of being a river thief.

As Patrolmen Henry and Fagan, of the
Steamboat Squad, were standing at the White
Star line dock, foot of West Tenth street, at
6 o'clock this morning, they saw Pender com-
ing towards the pier in a rowboat, having ten
large bundles of cotton on board. Watson
did Pender see the officers that he turned
about and rowed away for dear life. This
action caused the officers to become suspi-
cious, and they called to Pender to stop.
He yelled back, "If you want me you will
have to catch me."

Capt. Gastlin came along at this moment
and sprang into a rowboat with Patrolmen
Henry and Fagan, and gave chase to the pirate.
"Halt, or I'll fire," shouted Henry to
Pender, who paid no heed to the threat, but
rowed over to the Jersey shore. The tide
was too strong, and Pender would not doubt
have escaped had not the officers been so close
another officer sprang into a second boat and
joined in the pursuit.

Several shots were fired at Pender, but
none of them took effect, although seven
shots from a revolver were expended at him.
The two police boats, however, cornered
him and captured him at the Perry street
dock.

When he was brought to court to-day De-
tective Burleigh, of the Charles street sta-
tion, recognized him as an old-timer and the
accomplice of "Ed" Watson, a famous river
thief. Pender was also arrested three years
ago on the charge of murdering a watchman
at the dock, foot of West Thirtieth street.
He was apprehended for the crime of murder
on the statement of a woman named
Larkin, who, when wanted to testify, could
not be found. He was thereupon discharged,
as there was no evidence to hold him